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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution No. M-4805

November 21, 2002

(**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LEVEL OF TRANSPORTATION**)
(**RATE FUND FEE THAT SHOULD BE IMPOSED**)
(**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-03**)

Public Utilities Code Section 5003.1 provides that:

“Every household goods carrier owning or operating motor vehicles in the transportation of property for hire upon the public highways under the jurisdiction of the Commission shall...pay to the commission a fee equal to one-third of one percent of the amount of such gross operating revenue, except as follows:

- (a) For any particular fiscal year, the commission, with the approval of the Department of Finance, may fix the fee less than one-third of 1 percent of that amount.
- (b) The commission may increase the fee pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 5003.2”

Section 5003.2 of the PU Code further provides that:

“(b) The commission may raise the fee imposed by Section 5003.1 upon those persons and corporations subject to that section for whom the commission establishes minimum or maximum rates, or require rates to be on file, up to a maximum of one-half of 1 percent of gross operating revenue, if the commission decides this increase is necessary to maintain adequate financing for the Transportation Rate Fund.

The Commission finds that for fiscal year 2002-03, the Transportation Rate Fund fee should be fixed as follows:

One-half of one percent (.005) of gross operating revenue for all household goods carriers owning or operating motor vehicles in the transportation of property for hire upon the public highways under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

For the fiscal year 2002-03, the fee provided for in Public Utilities Code Sections 5003.1 and 5003.2 is hereby fixed at the following level:

One-half of one percent (.005) of gross operating revenue for all household goods carriers owning or operating motor vehicles in the transportation of property for hire upon the public highways under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

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Public necessity requires that the 30-day comment period of Public Utilities Code Section 311(g) be reduced so that the Commission may collect the revenues as set forth in this resolution as soon as possible. The Commission concludes that a reduction in the 30-day review period by 7 days will not compromise the public interest or any party's rights. Accordingly we reduce the comment period for this resolution from 30 days to 23 days. The Management Services Division commenced publication of a Daily Calendar notice on October 29, 2002 that apprised the public of the availability of its draft of this resolution and solicited submission of comments by November 10, 2002.

I certify that the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 21, 2002 adopted this resolution. The following Commissioners approved it:

Wesley M. Franklin
Executive Director